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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL  
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 31,  
1974:

QUOTE: Q. ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST NEWSPAPER, THE  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SYRIA WILL BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY.

A. YOU ARE REFERRING TO THIS AL-NAHAR REPORT OUT OF  
BEIRUT?

Q. YES.

A. WELL, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE QUESTION OF  
RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SYRIA. AND THEREFORE  
THE OTHER POINT THAT WAS MENTIONED IN THAT ARTICLE ABOUT  
ROY ATHERTON BECOMING OUR NEXT AMBASSADOR DOES NOT ARISE.  
BUT I MIGHT ADD HERE, HOWEVER, AS THE SECRETARY HAS  
INDICATED, THAT WE DO EXPECT A RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN OUR  
RELATIONS WITH SYRIA.

Q. THE JOINT COMMISSION ON U.S.-EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT,  
WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WILL  
THAT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT STATE DEPARTMENT INPUT? WILL THAT  
BE STAFFED BY STATE DEPARTMENT PEOPLE?

A. I DO NOT HAVE THE DETAILS ON THAT. BUT I WOULD HOPE  
WE COULD GET YOU SOME DETAILS ON JUST HOW THIS THING IS  
GOING TO WORK OUT, AND HOW IT WILL BE STAFFED.

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Q. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT THERE HAS  
BEEN AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE PLO WILL BE  
ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE GENEVA TALKS IN THE FUTURE. HAS SUCH  
AN AGREEMENT BEEN REACHED IN PRINCIPLE?

A. I DON'T KNOW. WE WERE IN CAIRO YESTERDAY. I DIDN'T  
EVEN HEAR IT DISCUSSED.

Q. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT QUOTES MR. SADAT AS SAYING THAT HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH DR. KISSINGER ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO. I JUST WONDERED IF THERE WAS ANY MORE --

A. I CAN'T ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT PRESIDENT SADAT SAID. END QUOTE.

ANDERSON LATER SAID THAT HIS FIRST ANSWER REGARDING THE PLO WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATTER. HE DID NOT INTEND HIS SECOND ANSWER TO CONFIRM ANYTHING PRESIDENT SADAT MAY HAVE SAID. KISSINGER

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